



**Texas Department of Public Safety  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
State Situation Report**

<b>Event Name</b>	Tropical System Harvey
<b>Date</b>	October 23, 2017
<b>Time</b>	7 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	7 AM 10/20/17 – 7 AM 10/23/17
<b>Report Number</b>	51

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	2, 3 and 6
<b>DDC's Active</b>	15, 16B and 20

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Governor Abbott renewed the disaster proclamation for Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Patricio, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Wailer, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson Counties.

FEMA has extended deadlines for disaster assistance through November 24, 2017.

Residents continue to return to their communities to assess their losses. Evacuees that were transported out of the affected areas to the safety of shelters have been transferred to shelters closer to home, to allow them to start the recovery process. FEMA has established 57 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in the affected communities to assist the survivors of this historic incident.

Governor Abbott has issued a suspension of specific vehicle titling and registration requirements for the next 45 days in the 58 counties specified in the state's disaster declaration. As a consequence, vehicle titling and registration expirations are suspended in order to relieve that burden upon Texans. Law enforcement will not issue citations for expired registration in all affected counties until October 16, 2017. This suspension has been extended until November 15, 2017, and shall only apply to motor vehicle owners who reside in any of the effected counties.

Governor Abbott extended the proclamation suspending Hotel and Motel Tax during Harvey Recovery on September 21, 2017 for a period of 30 days beginning September 23, 2017 and ending on October 23, 2017.

Governor Abbott renewed the disaster proclamation for all 60 counties on September 20, 2017.

The President has amended the federal declaration for the State of Texas to provide additional disaster assistance available to the state. This increases federal funding for Public Assistance projects as a result of Hurricane Harvey beginning on August 23, 2017, and continuing.

President Trump has amended the Texas Disaster Declaration to make additional disaster assistance available to the State of Texas. This action authorizes 90% Federal cost share for debris removal, and 100% Federal cost share for emergency protective measures for 30 days from the start of the incident period and then a 90% cost share thereafter.

Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, Brazoria, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler, Trinity, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson.

Governor Abbott requested and was approved for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the following counties: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties for Individual Assistance and assistance with debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Dallas, Lee, Tarrant and Travis counties are eligible for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

Public Assistance (Categories C-G) including Direct Federal Assistance have been added to FEMA-4332-DR-TX for Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Brazoria, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lee, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton Counties.

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Sheltering and temporary housing.
2. Debris removal.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### **Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Pierce)**

##### **DDC 14 Lufkin:**

**Jasper/Newton/Sabine County:** FEMA has DRCs open in Jasper and Newton counties.

**Polk County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Livingston.

**San Jacinto County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Coldspring.

**Tyler County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Woodville.

**DDC 15 Beaumont:** EOC is at Level III.

**Hardin County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Sour Lake.

**Jefferson County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Beaumont, Bevil Oaks, China, Hamshire, Nome and Port Arthur.

**Orange County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Orange and Vidor.

#### **DDC 16A Houston**

**Chambers County:** EOC returned to Level IV. FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Anahuac.

**Harris County:** FEMA has 15 DRCs open in Harris County.

**City of Houston:** EOC is at a Level III.

**DDC 16B Texas City:** EOC is at Level III.

**Brazoria County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Oyster Creek and Pearland.

**Galveston County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Dickinson, Friendswood and League City.

#### **DDC 16C Conroe**

**Liberty County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Dayton.

**Montgomery County:** FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Conroe, Magnolia and New Caney.

**Walker Counties:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Huntsville.

**Waller County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Brookshire.

#### **DDC 16D Pierce**

**Austin County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Sealy.

**Colorado County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Columbus.

**Fort Bend County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has DRCs open in the cities of Katy, Missouri City and Simonton.

**Matagorda County:** EOC is at Level III. FEMA has a DRC open in Bay City.

**Wharton County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Wharton.

### **Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 20 Corpus Christi:** EOC is at Level III with only day time operations.

**Aransas County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Rockport.

**Nueces County:** FEMA has DRCs open in the Cities of Corpus Christi, Port Aransas and Robstown.

**Refugio County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Refugio.

**San Patricio County:** FEMA has a DRC open in the City of Ingleside.

### **Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 17, and 18)**

**DDC 12 Austin:** FEMA has DRCs open in Bastrop and Fayette counties.

**DDC 17 Victoria:** FEMA has DRCs open in Calhoun, DeWitt and Victoria counties.

#### **Shelters Activated:**

<b>County</b>	<b># of Shelters</b>	<b>Population as of October 23, 2017 as of 7 AM</b>
Harris	1	221
Jefferson	1	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>221</b>

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

#### **STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Resource Kind and Type</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Resource Location</b>
DPS	THP/CID/ICT	46	Activated	Various
HHSC	SOC-Ops (HHSC)	1	Activated	Austin
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	2	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Support Unit	1	Activated	Harris County
SBTC	Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Shower/ Laundry	3	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Support Unit	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Water Buffalo	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Child Care	1	Activated	Hardin County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	2	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Water Treatment Unit	1	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Generator	2	Activated	Jefferson County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry Unit	1	Activated	Liberty County
SBTC	Cleanup/Recovery	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Shower/Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
SBTC	Laundry	1	Activated	Orange County
TDEM	Texas Emergency Management	1	Assigned	Calhoun, DeWitt,

	Assistant Team (TEMAT)			Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca
TDEM	Texas Emergency Management Assistant Team (TEMAT)	1	Assigned	Hardin & Orange Counties
TFS	TFS Personnel	17	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Personnel	10	Activated	Various
TFS	TIFMAS Engines	2	Activated	Aransas County
TxDOT	Debris Removal	600	Assigned	Various
TxDOT	Trench Burn Crew	1	Assigned	Refugio County
TxDOT	Air Curtain Burn Crew	1	Assigned	Rockport

**Texas Workforce Commission (TWC):** TWC is accepting applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) in all 39 counties under FEMA's disaster declaration. Individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by Hurricane Harvey, who live in, work in, or travel through these counties can submit applications for DUA through October 31, 2017. People in affected areas can apply for unemployment benefits due to Hurricane Harvey or learn about Disaster Unemployment Benefits through TWC's website at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/disaster-unemployment-assistance> or call a Tele-Center at 800-939-6631 and speak to a customer service representative. Tele-Centers are open over the weekend from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day and during the week from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Additional information for job seekers and employers affected by Hurricane Harvey is available at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/hurricane-harvey-resources>.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** A total of 17 TFS staff is involved in various roles managing debris mitigation in Aransas and Refugio Counties; this includes two bulldozers and one Type 6 engine. A Unified Command is established between TFS, TEEX and TxDOT leadership and is providing Air Curtain Incinerators and Trench burner operations. The TFS Wildfire Task Force is supporting DDC 20 with standby for regional burning. There are currently 36 TFS, seven TEEX and TxDOT has three personnel per site and four teams totaling 180 personnel collecting debris.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** As of October 19, 2017, there are 34 public water systems (PWS) with boil water notices (BWN) and 329 PWS that have rescinded BWN. A total of two PWS and six wastewater treatment (WW) plants are currently inoperable. TCEQ has placed regulatory guidance along with PWS and Wastewater operational status on the TCEQ Webpage located at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes>

TCEQ continues to receive and review temporary debris management sites for authorizations. Currently, we have approved 196 sites.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** A total of 46 personnel activated, providing general security duties in all affected areas preventing and detecting looting and other crimes. DPS Personnel from the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Division and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) continue to assist in the affected areas by providing general security, response to local agency calls, traffic direction and escorts of maintenance and other critical personnel as needed. THP is assisting HHSC with traffic control at two remaining locations in DPS Region 2 that is distributing D-SNAP benefits to persons in affected counties. Texas Division of Emergency Management State and District Coordinators throughout the state have been deployed to different jurisdictions for mission support. DPS continues to demobilize outside personnel as local agency needs continue to diminish.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** As of September 25, 2017, Texas local jurisdictions have received 41,585 doses of Tdap/Td/Tetanus, 6,820 doses of HepA, 150 doses of HepB and 4,170 doses of influenza vaccine to distribute to first responders and the general public.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** Emergency Services Program (ESP) is processing Disaster Assistance Grants and is currently running a 24 hour operation 7 days a week. HHSC Emergency Services has the disaster helpline operational from 7 AM to 7 PM, 7 days a week to assist disaster survivors. Currently HHSC Other Needs Assistance (ONA) has processed a total of 298,726 grant payments, totaling: \$263,766,337.13. HHSC ESP has seven staff deployed to the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC's)

HHSC D-SNAP is operating in a three county area served through the Health and Human Services offices in those counties. Applicant volume as of October 9, 2017 is 433,058 applications. Webpage for additional information:

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/disaster-assistance/disaster-snap>

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** Established a telephone hotline for parents in the Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Houston, and Victoria areas to receive information regarding public education for students affected by Hurricane Harvey. Parents can get information on public education options for their student by calling: (512) 463-9603. The hotline is designed to assist families with questions about where to enroll children in school. They are staffed from 8 AM to 5 PM daily, including weekends. Dealing with Disasters Frequently Asked Questions: [https://tea.texas.gov/About\\_TEA/Other\\_Services/Weather\\_and\\_Disaster/Dealing\\_with\\_Disasters\\_Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions/](https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Other_Services/Weather_and_Disaster/Dealing_with_Disasters_Frequently_Asked_Questions/)

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to work with their federal, state and local partners from the Joint Field Office (JFO) in response to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. Currently more than 600 personnel from every district in the state are removing debris. State forces and contractors are removing debris from the State Highway System and local roadways across the region. TxDOT continues to assist numerous local jurisdictions with debris removal. 474,170 CY or 12,802,608 CF of debris has been removed to date by TxDOT.

TxDOT continues to assist TFS with debris burning operations in Rockport on State Highway (SH) 35 and in Refugio County.

TxDOT continues to monitor for additional STAR requests and respond as needed.

**Texas Baptist Men (TBM):** TBM and their partners have deployed shower, laundry and feeding units in support of first responders, shelters and volunteers. TBM is supporting Red Cross and volunteers. TBM is providing Chaplains and spiritual care.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of 8 AM on September 12, 2017. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>

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